(c) The compensation is paid to the next of kin (NOK) of the deceased Defence personnel as per the extant guidelines.

Occupation of 'Abbey House', Hyderabad by Defence authorities

3085. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Abbey House' owned by the Andhra Pradesh Government in Hyderabad has been under occupation of the Defence authorities since 1954;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Defence to hand over defence land to the State Government in exchange of 'Abbey House';

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the status of the proposal and the action taken thereto by the Ministry of Defence?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Abbey House was hired for Defence purposes.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The exchange proposal involves 13 acres 24 Guntas of State Government land including the Abbey House and 12.83 acres of defence land in Secunderabad Cantonment. The comments of the concerned authorities have been invited. No decision on the proposal has been taken by the Ministry of Defence.

Accidents in Ordnance Factories

3086. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of major and minor accidents in ordnance factories during the last five years, year-wise;